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1. The Propaganda Section of the Japanese Self-governing Association, located at Hai-ning (海寧) Road, recently organized a Japanese "Freedom of Thought" club. The publicly declared purpose of this organization, as announced to the public, is anti-militarism and anti-communism.
2. Head of the Organization is SHIKADA Toshio (石田敏雄) who was formerly arrested in Japan for aiding in the organization of the Communist Party. Later, he was released from prison and sent from Japan to Shanghai where he worked for the Japanese Navy during the war. Founder of the organization is KOMIYA Yoshitaka (小谷義高) who also had been arrested in Japan once as a suspected Communist.
3. The organization's members are chiefly Japanese Communists and/or workers. The purpose of the organization is actually to carry on and aid Communist party activities among the Japanese.

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